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Dragons deployed -

## Keesler community survey

# Analysis shows recreation No. 1 on list of issues

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Analysis of the recent Keesler community survey indicates recreation is the top issue for those who responded.

Base leadership is listening, according to Maj. Teresa Roberts, airman and family readiness flight commander for the 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Major Roberts said 867 active-duty members, spouses, civilians and retirees responded in March to the anonymous Web-based assessment of the base community's needs, availability of resources, effectiveness of information flow and ways to improve morale.

"It was clear that Team Keesler really enjoys moments where folks can relax and enjoy a great time with co-workers, family and friends," the major pointed out.

Respondents touched on recreation in terms of special events, picnics, sports days, activities for families and young airmen, fitness centers, the Katrina Kantina, golf, the marina and other areas.

Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, said at his recent commander's calls that the base's recent 65th birthday celebration was just one way he's trying to improve morale at Keesler.

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## Take that, cookie!



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Shelby Houseman, 9, puts forth her best effort in the cookie-licking contest June 15 in marina park. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Milton Houseman of Biloxi and Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Patricia Houseman of Gulfport. More on Keesler's 65th birthday celebration, Pages 16-17 and 24.

## This week in the Triangle

Weather forecaster, 9 a.m. today, weather training complex. Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. today, Wolfe Hall. Aerospace control and warning, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall. Computer networking cryptographic systems, 10 a.m. today, Bryan Hall. Ground radio, 10 a.m. today, Jones Hall. Information management apprentice, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

Information management apprentice, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall. Information management craftsman, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall. Communications-computer systems planning and implementation management apprentice, 10 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall.

Network management services, 11 a.m. Friday, Stennis Hall. Theater deployable communications transmission network, 11 a.m. Friday, Stennis

Radio communications systems craftsman, 11 a.m. Friday, Thomson Hall. Communications security account manager, 1 p.m. Friday, Stennis Hall. Basic instructor, 10 a.m. Monday, Hewes Hall.

Communications-computer systems programming apprentice, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall.

Theater deployable communications voice network, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Stennis Hall. Radio communications systems craftsman, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thomson Hall. Airborne mission systems specialist apprentice, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dolan Hall. Communications-computer systems control, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Thomson Hall.



May Honor Flight

#### Student numbers

Total students — 3,623 Non-prior service — 2,211 Temporary duty — 1,395 Combat controllers — 17

Non-prior service arrivals — 138 Guard, Reserve — 626 International — 23

Fiscal 2006 graduates — 16,926 Total since 1942 —2,224,987

## Commentary

# Integrity is first core value because character matters

By Lt. Col. Chris Cook

338th Training Squadron Commander

There are many qualities we expect from those who lead us.

We often think of their vision, decisionmaking skills or an innate ability to juggle the arduous demands of command. All of these and many more are keys to the success of leaders.

An individual placed in a leadership position who lacks character, however, is primed for a disastrous fall. Character is comprised of values such as integrity and serves as the bedrock upon which all other significant traits of leadership are built. If this bedrock is fractured by poorly-learned or maintained values, it leads ultimately to the downfall of the leader.

When U.S. military leaders sacrifice their integrity for selfish purposes, as evidenced by recent scandals across the Defense Department, it has far-reaching effects. Trust is lost, not only the trust of those commanded by these leaders, but also by the American people.

Our citizens expect the military to have unblemished character. Just a few cases of breached integrity can have a grave effect on the public's collective opinion of the military. Character matters in leadership — once lost, it's almost impossible to regain.

Abraham Lincoln led with unquestioned character. "Honest Abe" didn't just talk the talk; he walked the walk. In fact, as we've all heard the story told, he literally walked miles to repay a customer he'd mistakenly overcharged. This embodiment of the value of honesty helped shape him as the right man to lead as president during the Civil War and to serve as a model of integrity for those who

serve in the military today.

As a squadron commander, I've frequently disciplined Airmen for their lack of integrity. Unfortunately, some compounded their problems by being less than truthful about their actions. Conversely, Airmen who owned up to their mistakes earned my respect. In my view, these Airmen can be rehabilitated, while those who are adverse to accepting responsibility cannot. Individuals in the "responsibility-free" category might argue that character is the result of external factors. Wrong. Character is formed through individual choices. We control our own character.

Abraham Lincoln not only lived his values, but sought to motivate others toward the same values. In his book Lincoln on Leadership, author Donald Phillips expresses the belief that our 16th president succeeded as a leader by effectively passing on to the Union the values of liberty and equality — the same inalienable rights judged by the founding fathers to be central to the lives of every man.

Effective leaders are able to frame and articulate the values deemed critical to the organization, and motivate their people to pursue the same values. While this is surely not an easy task, it's nearly impossible to achieve if the leader lacks credibility with his subordinates. As Mr. Phillips states, "The architecture of leadership ... falls apart without honesty and integrity. It's the keystone that holds an organization together."

Character matters. Subordinates need to see positive values modeled for them and superiors must be assured those who are leading are fit to do so. There's a reason the Air Force ranks integrity first among its core values. Firm possession of this value makes one great in character.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

## Thumbs up, commissary!

**Comment** — Gordy Harris, the commissary manager at Keesler, has done an excellent job with the temporary commissary.

Going from the flooded facility on Larcher Boulevard to the smaller community center building on Meadows Drive after Hurricane Katrina wasn't easy.

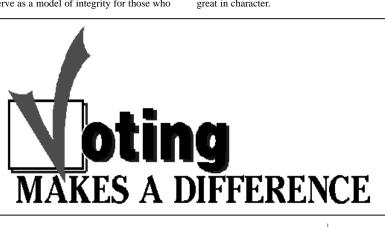
He did an awesome job to make that move and reopen in such a short time.

**Response** — Thanks for taking the time to acknowledge the outstanding performance of Mr. Harris and his staff.

Since opening at its temporary location only one month after Katrina, the commissary staff has added 20 more refrigerated cases, 140 more linear feet of shelving and 3,200 more line items. They've also started cutting fresh beef and pork for more savings and improved quality and value.

Still to come is a project to add nine more frozen food cases, eight feet of cigarette displays and a 12-foot display in the deli.

Of course, Mr. Harris and his staff look forward to the construction of the new 96,000-square-foot facility, which will be just south of the present location. Meanwhile, they continue to offer their patrons the best service possible at the temporary commissary.





## **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**



Photos by Kemberly Groue

The Gators celebrate their drill team's first victory of the 2006 season.

## Gators chomp drill competition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 334th Training Squadron Gators chomped their way to their first overall drill down title this season, Friday.

The Gators claimed first



Airman 1st Class Earl Pruett was the Gators' freestyle drill leader.

place in regulation and freestyle drill and second in open ranks.

Second place overall went to the 335th TRS Bulls, who placed first in open ranks and third in regulation and freestyle drills.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs placed third overall, with second place in regulation and freestyle drills.

In April's competition, the Gators came in second behind the 336th TRS Red Wolves, winner of the season's first two drill downs. Friday's contest was a different story, as the 336th TRS only managed fourth place overall, with a third-place showing in open ranks, fourth in regulation and fifth in freestyle.

Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit placed fifth overall, with fourth place in freestyle and fifth in open ranks and regulation drill.

The 338th TRS Dark Knights were in sixth place overall, with fourth place in open ranks and sixth place in regulation and freestyle drills.

Airmen Basic Clay Welsh, drill master, and Alana Thomas, drill instructor, and Airman 1st Class Earl Pruett, freestyle drill leader, led the winning team.

Other members are Airmen Basic Jonathan Carter, Kristian Hawkins, George Madrid, Peter McGraw, Bennita Robinson, Quentin Thomas, Whitney



Airman 1st Class Philip Primmer flips over Airman 1st Class Aaron Barnes during the 335th TRS' freestyle performance.

Ward and Jared Zautner; Airmen Matthew Morrow and Oscar Nunez-Bejerano, and Airmen 1st Class James Bouck, Rebecca Parker, Michael Sims and Patricia Testa.

John Welter, D'Iberville/St. Martin Chamber of Commerce, and Ryan Giles, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, were recognized as honorary commanders.

## Mad Dogs welcome new commander



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Jason Williams, left, an instructor in the 332nd Training Squadron's airborne communication and electronics specialty course in Dolan Hall, gets acquainted with the squadron's new commander, Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay, Monday. Colonel Ramsay, who assumed command June 15 from Lt. Col. Anthony Williams, came to Keesler from Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon, where he was chief of the biological defense policy programs branch under the director of strategic security. Colonel Williams, who served as the director of operations for the 338th TRS for nearly two years and was the 332nd TRS commander since January 2005, is the new ROTC commander at the University of North Dakota.

# Navy unit's Friday ceremony recalls Battle of Midway

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit holds a Battle of Midway commemoration, 4 p.m. Friday in Allee Hall's south passageway.

"The event recalls the Battle of Midway, June 3-7, 1942, the turning point of World War II," said Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Justin Coryell, CNATTU's public affairs officer. "If we had not been victorious, the Japanese would've had a huge leg up in the war. It's a celebration to those fallen comrades who lost their lives in the battle. The Japanese never got on the soil and eventually lost the war. Without a doubt, this was the tidal shift in the Battle of the Pacific."

The unit's permanent-party students wear summer white uniforms with ribbons and nametags for the event. Students don't attend.

From 4-5:30 p.m., each mess (congregation), such as the wardroom, the first class petty officers association and the chief petty officers association, holds an open house with hors d'oeuvres and beverages for staff and invited guests. Each mess also shows a video on naval heritage.

At 5:30 p.m., the staff "mans the rails," a term denoting the ship's crew who aren't involved in driving the ship standing along the railing while entering or exiting a port. Keesler's Sailors man the rails in Allee Hall's south hall.

Following remarks by Cmdr. Ken Schwingshakl, CNATTU's commanding officer, several members of the unit brief the events of each day of the battle. A prayer and wreath-laying ceremony conclude with the playing of Taps.

For more information, call 377-0208.

# Biloxi Airman excels in linguist training

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When Timothy Walker graduated from Biloxi High School in 2003, the National Merit finalist headed to the University of Southern Mississippi as a presidential scholar.

His career path took a turn the following year when he decided to join the Air Force, but his academic accomplishments didn't stop.

Walker joined with the promise of a \$10,000 bonus upon completion of the entire technical training series required for an Arabic airborne linguist.

When he took a language proficiency exam at the Military Entrance Processing Station in New Orleans, he was told he was the second recruit in 15 years to make a perfect score.

June 8 as an airman first class, he graduated with honors in Arabic from the Defense Language Institute in Monterrey, Calif. He was his flight's "red rope" and sang the National Anthem a cappella at the graduation ceremony.

Now Airman Walker heads to aircrew training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, for



Airman Walker

aircrew training, the next step in his training as an airborne linguist. He'll also be trained as an airborne cryptologist before he arrives at his first assignment at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

"He really had a desire to be a part of the Air Force and do his part at this time for America," said his mom, Deborah Burns, 81st Training Support Squadron. His dad, Robert Burns, also works for the squadron.

## Combat weather course ace



First Lt. Kenneth Chilocoat is the first officer to graduate with a 100 percent average in the 12-week combat weather team officer course. He earned a bachelor's degree in meteorology from Penn State University and came to Keesler from the 26th Operational Weather Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He's headed to Robins AFB, Ga., where he'll be the staff weather officer and work on the combat weather team.

Volunteer - get connected.

## Luau loot



Photo by Herb Welch

Kristin Necaise, left, secretary for the 81st Training Support Squadron resources flight, nails flight chief Walt Hack with a pie during the squadron's luau, June 9. Each "pie in the face" vote cost a penny, and pies were auctioned off to throw at the top vote-getters. Mr. Hack topped the list, earning \$346 of the \$1,088 raised for the squadron's booster club.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### Change of command

Lt. Col. Christopher Cook turns over command of the 338th Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Stacy Yike, 2:30 p.m. today at Welch Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Jones Hall conference room.

## **Testing dates**

The education office offers ACT, SAT and PRAXIS tests.

Deadlines are: **PRAXIS I** — Monday for Aug. 7 test

PRAXIS II — Monday for Aug. 8 test.
To schedule, call 377-2323.

## Special duty jobs

An Air Education and Training Command recruiting team holds a special duty assignment briefing, 8:45-11:30 a.m. today in Welch Auditorium.

Positions to be discussed are recruiters, military training leaders, technical training instructors, professional military education instructors and career enlisted aviators.

Positions are open to senior

airmen with at least 36 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active military service from all Air Force specialty codes.

For applications, call Master Sgt. Kelle Turner, 377-3697.

## **Quarterly awards**

The 81st Training Group awards ceremony for the second quarter is 3:45 p.m. July 12 on the Triangle parade grounds.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony is in Welch Auditorium.

For more information call Capt. Tom Styles, 377-3216, or Tech. Sgt. Heather Watson, 377-5511.

## Drill downs, parades

Drill down competitions are every other month on the drill pad, and student parades in alternate months on the parade grounds.

**Parades** — 6 p.m. July 13, 7 p.m. Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Nov. 16. Drill downs 7 a.m. Aug.

11 and Oct. 20. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Kwame Felton, 377-9527, for drill downs and Deanna Attaway, 377-2103, for parades.

## Club scholarships

Six students receive a combined total of \$25,000 in the 10th annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

For more information, visit http://www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm

Submit entries by July 14 to Donald Cook, 81 MSG/SV, 505 C Street, Building 3101, Keesler AFB, MS, 39534.

#### Tuition aid change

Effective July 1, Air Force tuition assistance pays only for reimbursable fees associated with a class.

Place the fee amount in the appropriate box of the course information screen at the Air Force Virtual Education Center's site when applying for tuition assistance.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

## **Penning partnership**



Photo by Courtney Olivier

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general, and Dr. Dan Jones, University of Mississippi vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, sign a landmark agreement in Jackson Friday as Gov. Haley Barbour looks on. Under the partnership, beginning in July 2007, the School of Medicine oversees all four residency programs at Keesler. Air Education and Training Command, 81st Training Wing and Medical Group officials attended the signing.

## Survey,

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"We all know that we are limited in what we have here right now," said the general, acknowledging the base's recovery from Hurricane Katrina. "This base won't be rebuilt overnight. The marina was just renovated three years ago, and now we have to do it all over again."

At a newcomers' briefing last month, the general told Airmen to look at their surroundings.

"I told them that two years from now, Keesler will be a different place than what they saw when they first arrived," he said.

Other issues brought up by respondents included decision-making and leadership, communication, exchange, commissary, A-76 competitive sourcing and hurricanes.

"As far as leadership goes,

there were kudos, as well as criticism," Major Roberts said. "Overall, there was an acknowledgement of the great progress the base has made, but that there's still a long way

to go.

"Respondents indicated that even if leadership can't flip a magic switch and make things happen overnight, they appreciate having available information shared – such as leaders sharing what they know or don't know about the A-76 study," she continued. "They want leaders to get out and walk around their people without an entourage, just to get to know them."

Communication was another important consideration.

E-mail and the Keesler News were the top two news sources. Others included the chain of command, word of mouth, base Web site, conversation with spouses, base bulletin, 81st Services Division Scoop, marquees, retiree and civilian newsletters, spouses club meetings, flyers and commander's access channel.

Major Roberts said a survey like this guides senior leadership in making decisions about programs and priorities.

"Responses let leadership know if they're on the right track in addressing morale issues," she said. "Progress is under way, but in order for things to be done correctly, it'll take some time."

The major said other comments can help develop new programs and fine-tune existing resources, but pointed out, "We can make all the programs in the world, but we need the base population to get involved."

Compliments and criticisms both offer leaders insight into the hearts and minds of the Keesler community, the major stressed.

Staff Sgt. Lee Smith, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

## **NEWS AND FEATURES**



Mr. Guillen looks on as General Capasso signs a self-declaration paper at 81st TRW headquarters June 14 stating that Keesler is in compliance with new Air Force environmental standards.

Photo by Adam Bond

## Keesler accomplishes milestone in managing environmental risks

**Keesler Public Affairs** 

Keesler officials declared the completion of the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management System June 12.

This important milestone puts the base in step with an Air Force-wide initiative to proactively manage all environmental risks and incorporate an overall system that integrates environmental, safety, occupational health concerns and issues across all installations.

"Our vision is to ensure Keesler is committed to excellence, leadership and stewardship in protecting the environment, safety and occupational health issues on and off the installa-tion," said Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st

Training Wing commander.
In January 2001, the secretary of the Air Force and chief of staff issued a joint memorandum directing the creation and implementation of an Air Force-wide ESOHMS

Keesler's original deadline of Dec. 31 was extended for six months due to Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

Thirty elements outlined in the Air Force's environmental management system policy and guidance have been accomplished.

"An EMS is a set of management processes and procedures that allows an organization to analyze, control and reduce the environmental impact of its activities, products and services and operate with greater efficiency and control," said Richard Guillen, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron pollution prevention manager.

Keesler is dedicated to providing all assigned personnel the proper awareness training to ensure the completion of their individual

missions while protecting themselves and the environment, Mr. Guillen emphasized.

"Understanding and implementing the Keesler ESOHMS principles allows for the enhancement of an individual's core values which affect beliefs and attitudes relevant to

environmental policy," he explained.

Mr. Guillen said it's important to be proactive about environmental issues because they affects, economic, social, political and aesthetic factors at individual, local, regional, national and transnational levels.

"It's each individual's responsibility to be the best of the best in all aspects of our operations," he stressed. "Each Keesler team member shall have every intention to produce the highest quality product while being responsible and proactive in environmental issues.

General Capasso said Keesler will create a cross-functional team of installation decision makers that'll be committed to reducing the base's environmental footprint, increasing mission safety and protecting the health of everyone working or living on the installation while ensuring the mission is always met.

"Now Keesler moves forward in conforming to all EMS elements," Mr. Guillen said. "A fully-implemented EMS serves as the starting point toward continual improvement in environmental management.

All Keesler personnel are required to take EMS awareness training.

For more information, call Mr. Guillen, 377-

Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz, Keesler Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

## In the News

## Work schedule change

The compressed work schedule day off scheduled for June 30 has been moved to July 3 at the direction of Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander.

June 30 becomes a work day for military and civilians

According to Air Force Instruction 36-3003, Military Leave Program, paragraph 8.2.3, a regular pass period (nonduty days) for units on CWS can't exceed the four-day special pass limitation. The combination of non-duty days and a public holiday can't exceed the four-day limitation.

## Welcome home cookout

A welcome home cookout for active-duty members who've returned from deployment since December and their families is 11:30 Tuesday at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2179.

## Medical center updates

81st Medical Group

The chiropractic clinic moved to the Arnold Annex

Monday. The phone number is 377-0800. **The Voice Over Internet Protocol** phone system is operational for some 81st Medical Group clinics and offices. For a list of phone numbers, including new 376 prefix, see Page 29.

Training for AHLTA, the new electronic health record system for the medical center beneficiaries, continues through July 3, temporarily reducing access to health care appointments.

## Check for data theft on Web site

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen can check the Spotlight area on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site to see if their personal data was compromised in the Veterans Administration data theft.

For more information on this issue and ways to protect against identity theft, visit the veteran information area of First Gov, the federal government's official Web portal.

## Officer convicted of son's murder

WRIGHT-PATTERSON Air Force Base, Ohio – Second Lt. David Valois was found guilty of murdering his infant son during a court-martial here June 15.

He faces a maximum potential sentence of dismissal from the Air Force, confinement in prison for life with or without parole, total forfeitures of pay and allowances, and a fine.

Lt. Gen. John Hudson, Aeronautical Systems Center commander, must approve the verdict and sentence. There's an automatic right for appellate review.

## No Keesler News July 6

By contract, the Keesler News doesn't publish the week in which the Independence Day federal holiday falls.

This year, that week is July 3-7.

The newspaper office is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 3, 5-6 and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 7.

Publication resumes with the July 13 issue.

## **Personnel Notes**

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

## Re-enlistment bonus changes

Air Force Print News

A message from Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon May 24 indicated changes to the program for 14 Air Force Specialty Codes in 2006

The changes follow a thorough review of the SRB program, and are part of the Air Force's ongoing force-shaping effort, the message said.

Changes were made to the following selective re-enlistment

Added, effective June 1:

1C6X1, Zone A, 2.0 (space systems operations).

**1N2X1,** Zone A, 2.0 (communications signals intelligence production).

**3E9X1,** Zone A,1.5; Zone B, 1.0; Zone C, 1.0 (readiness).

3P0X1A/B, Zone A, 2.0 (security forces).

4J0X2, Zone A, 1.0 (physical medicine).

Reduced, effective July 1:

1A2X1, Zone A, 2.5 (loadmaster).

**1A3X1,** Zone A, 3.5 (airborne communications and electronic systems).

**1A4X1,** Zone A, 2.0; Zone B, 2.0 (airborne battle management).

**1C5X1D**, Zone A, 3.0 (aerospace control and warning systems).

**1N3X2A**, Zone A, 4.5; Zone B, 4.0 (romance cryptologic linguist).

1N3X3A/D, Zone A, 4.5; Zone B, 4.0 (Slavic cryptologic linguist).

**1W0X1**, Zone B,1.0 (weather).

9L0X0, Zone B, 5.0 (interpreter/translator).

Removed, effective July 1:

**2E2X1,** All (communication, network, switching and crypto systems)

For more information on the SRB changes, contact your local military personnel flight re-enlistment office or visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site.

## Retirement applications centralized

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are now processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

Airmen eligible to retire initiate the process online via the virtual military personnel flight. The retirement self-service application on the vMPF gives Airmen step-by-step instructions for retiring.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site where they can access the retirement application under "Self-Service Actions/Personal Data."

Base-level military personnel flights continue to process Airmen retirement applications and work any retirement-related actions on applications submitted before May 22.

Members requesting an action related to retirement can log onto the personal services delivery transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at http://ask.afpc.randolph. af.mil/psd.

For more information, check the related link for a tutorial on how to retire online.



For Keesler News delivery or display racks, facility managers call 377-3163.

# 2 convictions, an acquittal at courts-martial in May

#### Legal office and Keesler News staff

Two airmen first class were convicted and a staff sergeant was acquitted in courts-martial at Keesler in May.

An airman first class in the 338th Training Squadron was convicted of charges including attempted theft, breaking curfew, failing to obey a lawful order and making a counterfeit Phase IV card.

He was reduced to airman basic and sentenced to confinement for 30 days.

An airman first class in the 81st Communications Squadron was convicted of possession, use and distribution of controlled substances.

He was reduced to airman basic, sentenced to confinement for two months and forfeited \$650 pay per month for one year.

A staff sergeant in the 81st Medical Support Squadron was acquitted of charges he made false statements on a security clearance application.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.



## MILITARY JUSTICE

## Alcohol incidents drop

#### 81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

May brought dramatic drops in incidents of underage drinking and driving under the influence at Keesler.

No underage drinking incidents were reported by the 81st Security Forces Squadron, compared to five in April.

The total number of underage drinking incidents for the year through May is 23.

Four DUIs were reported in May, down five from the previous month. All four involved civilians.

From January through May, 32 DUIs were reported by the 81st SFS.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

## Alcohol leads to 12 Articles 15 in May

## Legal office and Keesler News staff

Twelve Airmen at Keesler received Articles 15 in May for alcohol-related offenses.

Ten of the Airmen are in the 336th Training Squadron. Their offenses included underage drinking, attending a party in a hotel where alcohol was consumed, entering a restraurant when it was closed, drunk and disorderly conduct, making false statements and providing alcohol to minors.

Seven 336th TRS airmen first class and airmen were reduced in rank. Several also forfeited pay for as long as two months and one was sent to correctional custody for 30 days. Two of the reductions in rank were suspended pending successful completion of the suspension period.

Three 336th TRS airmen basic forfeited pay for up to two months, one was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and another ordered to perform extra duty for 15 days.

An airman basic in the 335th TRS forfeited \$500 pay per month for two months and was sent to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking, bringing other Airmen to and attending a hotel party where alcohol was consumed.

An airman first class in the 81st Medical Support Squadron was reduced to airman, reprimanded and forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months for driving under the influence.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

## Drinking + driving = deadly duo

# **Promotions**

# Keesler gets 53 master sergeant, 79 technical sergeant selectees

By Staff Sgt Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Fifty-three staff sergeants and 79 technical sergeants at Keesler have been selected for promotion.

#### Master sergeant

**2nd Air Force** — Timothy Posvar.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Henry Owes.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — James Pope. 81st Communications

Squadron — Yancy Culver. 81st Contracting Squadron

Kimberley Alvarez.

81st Medical Group —

**81st Medical Group** — Michelle Gant.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — John Davis Jr.,
Robin Pugh and Shannon
Sandoval.

81st Medical Support Squadron — David Boggs, Vernell Harrison and Corey Johnson.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Christopher Denz, Terrence Hardwick and Ernest Shreck.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Steven Dietz.

81st Supply Squadron — Lewis Hansen.

**81st Training Group** — Alvin Duclo Jr., and Jeffrey Jaques.

81st Training Wing — Lisa Arnold, Kevin Fife, Joyce Foster, David Harrison, Andrea Johnson-Young and Rosetta Lee.

**81st Training Group** — Heather Watson.

81st Transportation

**Squadron** — Kevin Benjaman, Charles Edwards and Ted Watson.

**85th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Alan Klein, Phillip Mullins, Derrick Nicks and Darrel Stewart.

332nd Training Squadron
— Gregory Earp, Melissa Faircloth, Brian Frazier, Janiece
Hardy, Nevin Joplin, David
Leggett, Glenda Mosby, Thomas O'Connell, Meoyskie Porter and Andrew Weldon.

334th TRS — Lori Derr. 335th TRS — John Dawson, Kathleen Pasquini and Tony Yaughn.

336th TRS — Michael Davis, Carolyn Marotte and Christoph McClaren.

338th TRS — William Catts, Dion Cotton, Paul Howell and Randy Logan.

366th Technical Training Squadron, Detachment 6 — Shane Clark.

## **Technical sergeant**

**81st AMDS** — Calvin Oliver and Amy Sharpe.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Freda Smith.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Zackery Leo and Elvin Muniz-Bonilla.

81st MDG — Angela Gress. 81st MDOS — Mario Cooper and Edward Mayle Jr.

81st MDSS — Holly Brose, Jason Herman, Earnest Mann Jr., Eric Person, Maria Robles and Curtis Thomas.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Dennis Brigman, Vicki Gonsalves, Tonisha Layne and Jenalyn Owens.

81st Operational Support ick Moore.

**Flight** — Florida Knowles and Corey Worster.

81st SFS — Daniel Burruss, Erik Castro, Jeremy Davis, Barry Hardy Sr., Stephen Hicks, Damian Phillips and Jeffery Thatcher.

81st SUPS — Ayhan Ozturkoglu.

**81st TRNS** — Robert Carrasquillo, Carlton Vinson and LaShanda Yarbrough.

81st Training Support Squadron — Elue Palmer Jr.

85th EIS — Janet Holmes. 332nd TRS — Trina Girley, Jeremy Hobbs, Jeremiah Jacobs and Len Kedrow.

333rd TRS — Gerald Schlais, Avis Smith, Ivan Smith, Joel Peebles and Michael Jobe.

334th TRS — Michael Bangora, John Burgess, Andrea Davis, James DePaolo, Cherlyne King, Darrell Lee, Michael May, Jonas Paterno and Michael White.

335th TRS — David Blankenship, Nicky Brown, Jennifer Greer, Michael Rosales and Breanna Sage.

336th TRS — Christina Burkett, Eric Blissmer, Matthew Land, John Obermark, Ariesus Preston, Erricka Rush, LaTonya Sarrett, Jason Smith and Chad Williams.

338th TRS — Denete Applewhite, James Baird, Thomas Baker Jr., Kyle Bunn, Joseph Carello, Todd Gay, Christopher Howell, Jeremy Sedlak, Jeffrey Thompson and Daniel Wilburn.

366th TTS, Detachment 6
— Wendell Snider and Roderick Moore.

## 2 selected for promotion to captain

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Two first lieutenants at Keesler have been selected for promotion to captain.

They are

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron: Renee McClendon.

81st Medical Operations Squadron: Nicola Perry.

The officers were selected by the Air Force quarterly promotion process for chaplains, staff judge advocates, and medical service

The promotion board convened March 31.



eee at the Army and Air Force Exchange tors at the supply warehouse June 9.

Mark Smith, a motor vehicle operator emloy- Service, uses a forklift to store power genera-



Paul Guidroz, AAFES employee, stacks gas jugs with other necessary hurricane supplies at the Triangle mini-mall June 9

# AAFES, DeCA assist with hurricane preparations

## Shipments of high-demand supplies stocked at Keesler facilities

By Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon

Keesler Public Affairs

Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency officials are ensuring Keesler has enough hurricane-related necessities in stock for this storm season.

The AAFES mini-mall, Four Seasons store and temporary commissary all have the items patrons might need if any hurricanes approach the base.

"(We have) generators, power cords, batteries, flashlights, sleeping bags, and paper products," said Danny Schmidt, AAFES general manager. "(We also have) gas cans, ice chests, water containers. water, gatorade, (non-perishable) food items, first aid kits, weather radios, portable TVs, foot lockers, playing cards, games, hand wipes, sanitary hand soap, baby wipes, and tarps.

Mr. Schmidt said Hurricane Katrina prompted some changes in items stocked at Keesler's AAFES

"We started bringing in hurricane supplies back in April," he said. "We have more generators this year than previous years, along with gas cans, and power cords. We have a hurricane readiness display at the mini-mall and Four Seasons store.

"We also made a ready-to-go hurricane (preparedness) kit — a foot locker with all the recommended items that one would need from flashlights and batteries to baby wipes and first aid kits.

Mr. Schmidt said generators, gas cans, flashlights and batteries all were high-demand items last hurricane season, especially as Hurricane Katrina approached.



Janice Park, AAFES associate, puts up extension cords on the shelf near other necessary hurricane supplies at the Class Six/Four Seasons store lune 9.

Gordy Harris, commissary director, said his store stocks items for what he calls the "hurricane shopping list." The list includes non-perishable food items such as meals ready-to-eat, canned soup, peanut butter, dried fruit, canned meat, packaged drinks and bottled water, as well as personal hygiene items like hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and toiletries.

"For all previous hurricanes, we have always been well stocked," said Mr. Harris. "We are

always keeping pallets of supplies in the warehouse. With the loss of the old commissary building, the temporary commissary is also well-stocked with excess quantities warehoused in anticipation of the rush to

Mr. Harris said Hurricane Katrina brought lessons in what items people should be aware of for poststorm recovery in addition to items needed for shelter-

"With Hurricane Katrina, some had no power or water for a month or longer," he said. "With no water or power for any length of time there comes a great need for items, such as bleach, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizers, water, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, as well as candles, batteries, lanterns, flashlights and utility lighters. Pets also must be remembered when stocking up on supplies."

Mr. Harris and Mr. Schmidt both emphasized the importance of preparing early for this storm season.

'Stock up early; don't wait until the last minute," said Mr. Harris. "Large quantities of any item can be special ordered, most with as little as two or three days notice to ship.'

'Get it now; don't wait for a storm to be brewing," said Mr. Schmidt. "There will be a lot of 'panic-buying' this year - more than ever before, so hurricane readiness items will be scarce if you wait. Top off your gas tanks and keep them full, and make sure you have extra gas cans to get you through, especially if you're running a generator.

# 'Cop shop' repairs begin next week

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

After taking on more than a foot of water during Hurricane Katrina, the 81st Security Forces Squadron is vacating Building 3501 on Larcher Boulevard while repairs are taking place.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,580,500, according to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. Repairs are scheduled to be completed in October.

The roof is being upgraded to withstand the 140-mph wind load design for the Biloxi area. Walls, ceiling grids and electrical systems are being repaired.

New carpet, floor tiles, ceiling tiles, wall finishes, gutters, downspouts and awnings are being installed, and life safety and electrical codes are being updated.

Monday, most of the 81st SFS' offices relocate temporarily to Avery Manor at the corner of Hercules Street and Ploesti Drive in the Triangle. Offices at this location include the commander's support section, chief of security forces, and reports and analysis, along with the training and standardization and evaluation sections.

Avery Manor is also the interim site for the squadron's operations flight, and its antiterrorism, physical security and police services teams are also in full operation. The squadron's armory continues to provide storage of personal weapons with 24-hour access at the temporary location.

The squadron's control center, better known as the law enforcement desk, is located in a temporary trailer directly behind the Larcher Boulevard facility. To report crimes or incidents, park at the rear of the building or call the desk sergeant, 377-3040. Continue to call 911 to report emergencies.

The unit's combat arms training and maintenance section conducts classroom training at Hangar 3 at the corner of Hangar Road and Phantom Street. Signs and placards direct students to classrooms in the southeast corner of the hangar's second floor.

All 81st SFS contact numbers remain the same.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ken Oates, 377-3070.

Master Sgt. Ken Oates, 81st SFS, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

# Sub shop slab scheduled for mini-park transformation

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The slab of a former base eatery that's being used as a parking area is being transformed into a landscaped oasis.

The Dragon Sub Shop at the corner of Chappie James Avenue and D Street was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina and had to be demolished. After the debris was cleared, people began using the bare slab for parking.

July 13, work begins to turn the area into a landscaped minipark to add some green space to that part of the base, according to Larry Trafton, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

"We'll be putting up barriers so people won't park there," Mr. Trafton said. "We don't want people's vehicles to be damaged when work begins. We'll have to remove the slab and the grease pits in the former kitchen area and relocate utility, sewer and communication lines."

Trees and flowers will be planted and a new sidewalk will be constructed for the cleared area.

# Keesler celebrates 65 years of warrior training



81st MSS, is the Keesler Idol winner with his rendition of "Jealous."

lune 14.



Autumn Bright, 10, paints a ceramic heart at the arts and crafts center. She's the daughter of Tech. Sgt. Larry and Paula Bright, 336th TRS. The center also sponsored a cupcake decorating contest during the family arts and crafts birthday celebration,

Kooslor Nows staff High-five for 65!

Keesler's 65 years of train-

ing warriors was the reason for four-day celebration with remembrances, food, fun and

Speeches by Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso, 81st Training Wing commander, at the opening ceremony and a birthday bash in marina park put the significance of Keesler's heritage into perspective.

A commemorative painting by Keesler artist Susan Templin was unveiled at the opening ceremonies which featured a nontage of significant symbols framing the portrait of 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler, a Mississippi native and World War I hero.

The company grade officers council sponsored a historical display in the Levitow Training Support Facility to acquaint Keesler's newest warriors with their Air Force heritage.

Plywood birthday cards displayed at the opening ceremoand in marina park said "Happy Birthday" in a big way. Winners of the card competi-tion are the 338th Training Squadron, first; 2nd Air Force, second; 336th TRS, third, and

335th TRS, honorable mention. June 13 included a softball tournament and confidence course challenge, with results on Page 24.

Family was the focus of June 14 activities, with the grand reopening of the community center, water balloon toss es, fire truck tours, cupcake decorating and arts and crafts.

Winners of the cupcake decorating contest are Hayden Sherick, first; Jordan Hensel, second; Jennifer Roth, third, and Autumn Bright and Chris

Hildon, honorable mentions.
The celebration roared into high gear June 15 with food, games, music, boat rides, giveaways, competitions and free swimming at base pools.

The birthday cake contest, judged by the Keesler Spouses Club, gave competitors a Club, gave competitors a chance to showcase their talents while sharing the goodies with the crowd.

Winners are Christine Rowell,



Airman 1st Class Christopher Condron, a student in the 332nd TRS, chats with Col. Deborah Van De Ven, 81st Training Group commander, about an Army Air Corps uniform on display at the Levitow Training Support Facility dur-

daughter of Tech. Sgt. Wayne occasion to announce the non-Rowell, 81st Transportation commissioned officers selected Squadron, most unique; Wendy Woodruff, spouse of Master Sgt. for promotion — 53 to master sergeant and 79 for technical Trent Woodruff, 336th TRS, best decoration; and Morissa Spragg, list, see Page 12. 13, granddaughter of Capt. David and Sue Paetznich, 81st Corporate sponsors are Abita

ing Keesler's birthday celebration. The heritage display was

arranged by the company grade officers council.

Medical Operations Squadron, hest taste. Master Sgt. Douglas Wilder, Autry, 338th TRS, as runnerup. Another 81st MSS member,

Airman Basic Jacquelyn Jones, won the cookie-licking contest. General Capasso used the sal Studios and USAA.

sergeant. For the promotion

Springs, Airmen Against Drunk Driving, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Cellular South, Gatorland, GEICO, Grain-81st Mission Support Squad-ron, was the winner of the sler Federal Credit Union, Kee-Keesler Idol contest, with sler Spouses Club, Merchant Airman 1st Class Christina Foodservice, Mississippi Media Broadcasting, Planet Beach Tanning and Spa, Raising Cane's, Red Bull, Rex Distributing. The Home Depot, Univer-



Free pontoon boat rides were offered during the birthday bash at marina park June 15.



meets a resident of Gatorland one of the corporate sponsors for



Master Sgts, Alan Lis, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Dave Moore, 81st Medical Support Squadron, man the grill at marina park. The first sergeants council cooked the burgers, hot dogs and sausages for the birthday bash.



Ginny Cooley, director of the arts and crafts center, slices birthday cake samples for Keesler Spouses Club judges at marina park June 15. The entries were used for desserts after judging was completed.



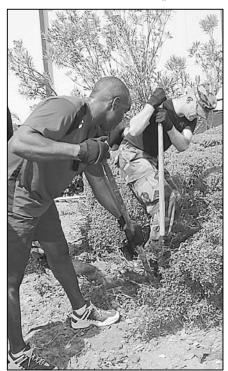
Kabrea Jones, 11, makes a catch during the water balloon toss, June 14 at the youth center. Her parents are Master Sgt. Rodney and Kantorus Jones, 403rd Mission Support Flight.



Senior Airmen Nicholas Whitney, left, and Ramon Natario, 81st SFS, work on a flower bed underneath a dormitory stairwell as part of their squadron's winning Pride Week project.

Photos by Kemberly Groue

## Pride Week projects give boost to base beautification



Staff Sgt. George Phinn, left, 81st TRSS, and Airman Basic Steven Hines, 332nd Training Squadron student, dig up hurricane-damaged bushes that were replaced by new shrubs around Garrard Hall.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Pride Week paid big dividends, not just for Keesler's quality of life, but for the 81st Security Forces Squadron's coffers.

The cops won a \$5,000 prize for the top base beautification project, according to Capt. Brad Ledford, project officer.

"They re-landscaped a permanent party dormitory by adding sod and building two large planning beds with flowers and shrubs," Captain Ledford said. "Then they pressure-washed the entire building, replaced all the busted-out light bulbs from Hurricane Katrina, policed the grounds and weeded the common areas."

The dormitory, Building 4811 just north of the Pecan Dining Facility, houses permanent party members from the 81st SFS, the 81st Medical Group and the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

"Regardless of whether we won or not, it was the right thing to do and it looks great," said Master Sgt. Keith Clow, one of the 81st SFS team leaders. "We laid six pallets of sod and spread 8 yards of dirt. We installed energy-efficient neon lights outside — you ought to see it at night. It's much brighter and much safer now. We also repainted and repaired a gazebo, swing and picnic tables."



Tech. Sgt. Ryan Johnson, left, Capt. Jerry Bennett and Master Sgt. Robert Mayer, 45th Airlift Squadron, smooth out the cement for a walkway and barbecue grill pad behind Lott Hall.

The 81st Training Support Squadron had the runner-up project which beautified the area around Garrard Hall by creating two large new flower beds, replacing plants that were damaged during Katrina and changing out lava rock with mulch and rotten timbers with decorative bricks.

"We spent more than \$40,000 to spruce up the base," Captain

Ledford explained. "We had 85 housing residents order flowers and other materials — \$3,500 for flowers alone. We ordered 40 pallets of mulch, more than 30 pallets of landscaping bricks and 40 pallets of sod in addition to the 18 pallets we already had on hand.

"We had a great response basewide," he added. "The results speak for themselves."

# Medics' quick response saves heart attack victim

### By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

There's a first time for everything — even when it comes to lifesaving.

For Airmen 1st Class Angelo Badea and Gabriel Muller, May 9 was a day to remember.

The airmen, both assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, had recently been assigned to the first aid station when a call came in that a man had suffered a seizure and was down at the Triangle Mini-Mall.

The two manned an ambulance and proceeded to the scene. En route, their shift leader radioed to inform the pair the patient was unresponsive. A short time later, another call advised them the patient was in cardiac arrest.

Airman Badea said when they arrived at the scene, they grabbed the automated external defibrillator and "jump bag" which contains their emergency equipment and



Airman Badea

rushed to the patient's side.

"The fire department was already there," he recalled. "A security forces member told me the patient had fallen off a motorcycle. We thought that might have been the cause of the seizure.

"When we looked at him, we saw he was foaming at the mouth," Airman Badea reported. "Fire department personnel were preparing to administer oxygen. When I checked his carotid (neck) and radial pulse, I found he had none. I asked Airman Muller to give me the AED.

"A firefighter cut off the man's shirt and I applied both pads (of the AED) and pushed the 'on' button," Airman Badea continued. "Then the AED analyzer indicated, 'Don't touch the patient; shock advised.' After the AED had charged, it indicated to push 'shock' and I shocked him."

He checked the victim's carotid pulse again and found it weak and thready.

"The AED told us to continue CPR," Airman Badea noted. "We (the medics and firefighters) did two CPR cycles. By that time, an American Medical Response ambulance had arrived. The lead paramedic tried to intubate the patient, but was unable to get the tube in his airway.

"We all helped place the victim on a gurney, and just



Airman Muller

before we placed him in the ambulance, the paramedic succeeded in intubating him," Airman Badea recalled.

When the ambulance crew said they needed someone from Keesler to accompany the patient to Biloxi Regional Medical Center, Airman Badea contacted Tech. Sgt. Phillip Sharpe, the first aid station's noncommissioned officer in charge, who told

him to accompany the crew.

"I continued to bag him en route until we arrived at Biloxi Regional's emergency room," Airman Badea added. "The lead nurse had me stop and the ER staff took over."

This was the first time either airman had assisted a cardiac arrest victim.

They later learned the victim was a retired major, but they don't know from what branch of service. Neither knew his condition after he was hospitalized.

Airman Muller remarked, "I did what had to be done without thinking.

Afterwards, though, I was kind of scared. Everyone is making a big deal about it. But that's what I trained to do — it was my job."

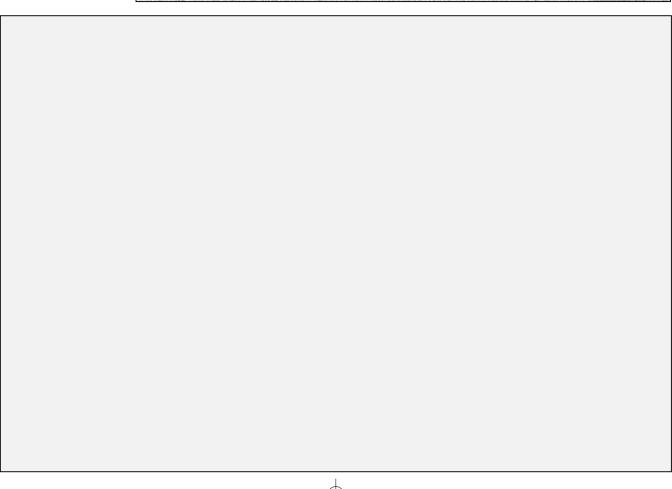
"It was an amazing experience," Airman Badea agreed. "It humbled me. I don't think I did it. I give all the credit to my Lord and Savior. I don't understand why everyone said I saved his life — it was a greater power."

## Yard detail

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Brian Nimmick, Keesler Marine Corps Detachment, his wife Alicia, son Christian, 16, and daughter Alexandria, 12, do some work in their yard June 15. Their home was chosen as the Commander's Choice yard of the month for May. The Nimmicks reside at 132 Monroe Street in the West Falcon housing area. Lt. Col. Charles Dunn, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, selected the the Nimmicks' yard as the best from seven neighborhood winners.

Photo by Kemberly Groue





## **KEESLER NOTES**

## **Live Oak dining hours**

Live Oak Dining Facility's new hours are 5:15-7:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. weekdays.

On weekends, holidays and down Fridays, hours are 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For 403rd Wing training weekends, breakfast is also served 6-7:30 a.m.

Permanent party enlisted personnel are authorized to dine in any of the dining facilities during all hours of operation. Officers, enlisted and civilians on official temporary duty orders for training can use the Live Oak, Azalea and Magnolia dining facilities.

#### Gate hours

The Meadows Drive Gate is

open 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. workdays.

The Judge Sekul Avenue Gate is now open 3:30-5:30 p.m. work days for outbound traffic only.

Both gates are closed weekends, federal holidays and compressed work schedule Fridays.

The White Avenue and Pass Road gates operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **Hurricane** guides

A limited number of copies of the Keesler News' 2006 hurricane guide are available in the base newspaper office.

To reserve copies, call 377-4130, 3837, 3163, 7340 or 9966. Pick copies up 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. work days in Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, L Street.

#### Tax office

The Keesler Tax Office, Room 234, old Cody Hall, remains open through Sept. 15 because of filing extensions due to Hurricane Katrina.

Extensions apply to federal and state tax returns.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. work days. For more information, call

For Katrina-related questions, call the Internal Revenue Service, 1-866-562-5227.

### Honor guard

The Keesler Honor Guard has openings for officers and senior non-commissioned officers to serve on the Brass Team.

Brass Team members supplement the rotational honor guard and perform details in Mississippi and Louisiana.

For more information, call 377-1986 or visit https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/honor/index.htm.

#### **Playgroup**

The preschool playgroup sponsored by family advocacy staff meets 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at the youth center.

For details, call 377-8612.

## **MEO** office

The military equal opportunity office is in Room 239, old Cody Hall.

For more information, call 377-2759.

## Military rental moves

Force One Rental has moved to 211 Larcher Blvd., Building 4818.

Services include truck and

trailer rentals, package shipping and name tag engraving.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

## PT uniform wear

Air Force members are required to wear physical training shorts and T-shirts together, not mixed with other items.

However, the running suit may be worn in any combination or with civilian clothes.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jay McKenzie, 377-1091.

## Zero overpricing

Submit zero overpricing items on Air Force Form 1046 to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Kevin Lane, 377-8891, or e-mail kevin.lane@ keesler.af.mil.

# Keesler's tap water meets health standards

#### Bioenvironmental engineering flight

Last year, as in years past, tap water at Keesler met all Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards.

Keesler's system hasn't violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who've undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders and some of the elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

The drinking water delivered to Keesler is pumped from the lower Graham Ferry aquifer, a groundwater source. All water provided to the base is pumped from wells on base property. The water from the wells is mixed, treated, stored and distributed.

The purpose of a source water assessment is to determine the quality of the raw water used for drinking water. A source water assessment is currently in progress and results will be reported when available.

At Keesler, the only treatment performed on source water is the addition of chlorine and fluoride. Because of the limited chemical treatment, the analytical results for Keesler's drinking water are representative of its source water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants doesn't necessarily indicate water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. These include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban

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## Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants detected during the calendar year of this report unless otherwise noted. The presence of contaminants in the water doesn't necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. The Environmental Protection Agency or the state requires Keesler to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Conteminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, <u>MRD</u> L	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample <u>Date</u>	Violation	Typical Source
Microbiological Contaminan	(3	. Transaction	-	getter til det skriveren. De som en som ett even en skriver	ramedram a differ a sassa	n representative community	e in weer of the re-elements interesting and appropriate the elements of the e
Coliforms, Total	Presence in ≥ 5% of monthly samples	U	0	NA.	2005	No	Naturally present in environment
Coliforms, Fecal Inorganic Contaminants	0	0	0	NA	2005	No	Human and animal fecal waste
		6	0.5		2005		Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire
Antimony (ppb)	0	50	0.5	NA NA	2005	No	retardants; ceramies; electronics; solder; test addition. Erosion of natural deposits; Runolf from
Arsenic (ppb)	2	2				No	orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from
Barium (ppm)			0.005098	NA.	2005	No	metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits Discharge from metal refineries and coal-
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	0.1	NA	2005	No	burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.00016	NA	2(10)5	No	Corresion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	1.963	NA.	2005	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills: Erosion of natural denosits
Cyanide [as Free Cn] (ppb)	200	200	5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	2.897918	NA	2005	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from
Lead - source water (ppb)	0	15 (AL)	3 (MPL)	ND 3	2005	No	fertilizer and aluminum factories  Corresion of household plumbing systems;  Erosion of natural deposits
Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	0.2	NA	2005	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from crouland Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.08	NA	2005	Nο	Runoff from fertilizer use, Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	0.02	N <b>A</b>	2005	No	Runolf from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.352	NA	2005	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits;
Thallium (ppb)	0.5	2	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from mines Discharge from electronics, glass, and Leaching from ore-processing sites; drug factories
			Vo	latile Organic Cont	taminants		
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	260	200	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-frichloroethane (ppb)	3	5	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylenc (ppb)	7	7	0.5	VΛ	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene pph)	70	70	0.5	NA .	2005	No	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
2-Dichlorcethage (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Benzene (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2005	Nο	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
arbon Tetrachloride (ppb)	0	5	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
hlorobenzene monochlorobenzene) (ppb)	100	100	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
ppb)	70	70	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	U .	5	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
thylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
o-Dichlerobenzene (ppb)	600	600	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	75	75	0.5	NA .	2005	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
o-Dichlozobenzene (ppb) Styrene (ppb)	100	100	0.5	NA	2005	No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills
b-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)  Styrene (ppb)  Fetrachloroethytene (ppb)	100		0.5	NA NA	2005	No No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
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## Water,

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storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Admin-istration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

For information on water conservation, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline or the bioenvironmental engineering flight, 377-6545. Drinking water definitions:

Maximum contaminant level goal — the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there's no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum contaminant level — the highest level of a contaminant that's allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Treatment technique** — a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

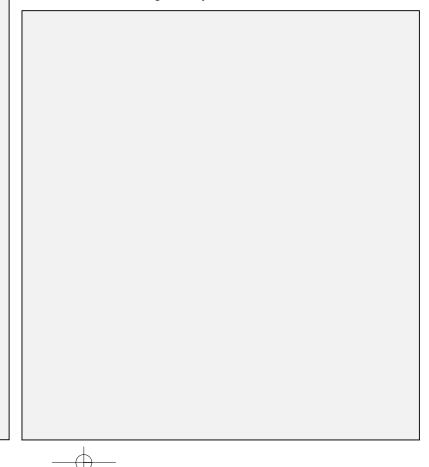
**Action level** — the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Variances and exemptions** — state or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Maximum residual disinfection level goal
— the level of a drinking water disinfectant
below which there's no known or expected risk
to health. MRDLGs don't reflect the benefits
of the use of disinfectants to control microbial
contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level — the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There's convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Stephen Gygi, 377-6545 or e-mail stephen.gygi @keesler.af.mil.



## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

# Keesler's 65th birthday

# Trainers win confidence course competition, civil enginners claim one-pitch softball title

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Young and old, military and civilian, male and female; Keesler members vied for supremacy during the base's 65th birthday athletic competitions, June 12-15.

The 81st Training Group took the overall victory in the confidence course competition June 13 with 151 points.

Competitors earned points by using the obstacle course near the Blake Fitness Center.

A fishing tournament at the marina June 15 saw Keesler members head out and see who could come back with the big one ... or small one.

The winners were Joel Spivey, 81st Training Support Squadron, and Timothy Posvar, 2nd Air Force.

Spivey caught the shortest fish at just under 6 inches and Posvar brought in the heaviest and longest fish at 2 pounds, 1 oz. and 1 foot, 11 inches.

The 5-kilometer run June 14 had multiple winners in various categories.

Tavares Simpson, 81st Communications Squadron, was the male age 18-35 winner with a time of 22 minutes and 2 sec-

onds. Gloria Pugh, 81st CS, was the female 18-35 winner at 30 minutes and 51 seconds.

Another 81st CS member, Stephen Marotte, was the over-36 category winner at 23 minutes, and Kristen Malloy, 81st Medical Group, was the female over-36 winner with a time of 28 minutes and 6 seconds.

Keesler youth also competed in the event. Aaron Massey and Destiny Williams were the male and female winners in the age 6-12 category, with times of 42 minutes and 42 seconds and 44 minutes and 54 seconds, respectively.

Brandon Owens (38 minutes, 33 seconds) and Kierz Taylor (40 minutes, 44 seconds) were winners in the age 13-17 male and female category.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron won the one-pitch softball tournament, defeating the 81st Supply/Transportation Squadron in the championship game, 13-6.

The tournament, held June 14 at the Triangle softball fields, used a one-pitch format which meant all batters had a 3-2 count as they stepped into the batter's box.



**Photos by Kemberly Groue** 

Chrystal Hill, 81st Training Wing, climbs the cargo ladder for the 81st Training Wing staff agency obstacle course team, June 13.



Jeff Dean, 81st Training Support Squadron, takes a swing during the one-pitch softball tournament, June 13.



Competitors take off at the start of the 5-kilometer run at the youth center, June 14.

# Softball

# Intramural season complete; July tournament on horizon

By Staff Sgt. Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The two teams atop their respective league standings at the end of the regular season are favorites to be the 2006 intramural softball champions.

As of Monday, there was little movement in the American and National league standings from one week ago.

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A team remained atop the American League regular season standings despite suffering their second loss of the season, June 14.

A 14-12 defeat at the hands of the 81st Communications Squadron dropped the 81st CES' record to 8-2.

One-half game behind the 81st CES-A team is the 332nd Training Squadron at 7-2, thanks in part to a 16-4 drubbing of the 338th TRS-B team, also June 14.

The Center for Naval Technical Training Unit's record fell to 7-3 after a loss to the 81st Medical Support Squadron, 10-6.

The 81st CS' victory over the 81st CES-A team was preceded by a loss to the 81st MDSS-A team 14-12.

The two teams had identical 7-3 records.

The 333rd and 335th TRS teams, along with the MARDET-B team and the 81st Training Support Squadron, were all log-jammed with 5-5 records.

In the National League, the 403rd Wing maintained its hold on first place by escaping with a narrow 4-3 victory over the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron June 13. With the win, the 403rd Wing's record improved to 9-1.

The Marine Corps Detachment-A team stayed at 8-2, tied for second place with the 85th EIS.

The 81st Security Forces Squadron was two games behind at 7-3. The cops were able to edge the 81st Mission Support Squadron, 16-15, in action June 13.

The Coast Guard team record stood at 6-3 after losing to the MARDET-A team, 19-6, June 8.

The 81 MSS fell below .500 at 5-6, and the USS Mesa Verde team is 4-6.

The post-season tournament begins July 17 and concludes with championship game July 27 at the Triangle fields.

# Davis Construction team victorious in weekend Juneteenth tournament

By Chief Master Sgt. Clifford Massey

2nd Air Force

The Davis Construction team bested six other softball teams to win the second annual Juneteenth softball tournament, June 15-Sunday.

The tournament benefits the Col. Lawrence Roberts Scholarship fund, named after the former Tuskegee Airman.

The seven teams competing in the doubleelimination tournament were a combination of area and squadron teams.

Davis Construction defeated Magnolia Auto and the Misfits, earning a showdown with the other undefeated team, the 403rd Wing.

The 403rd Wing defeated Twisted and the 338th Training Squadron to earn their way into the winners' bracket game.

Davis Construction defeated the 403rd Wing, forcing them to win their remaining games for a shot at the championship.

The reservists defeated both the Misfits and the 81st Communications Squadron to get to the Juneteenth championship game.

Davis Construction proved too tough, again defeating the 403rd Wing, 23-18, in the title



hoto by Adam Bond

lan Bowdidge, 403rd Wing, snares a fly ball during Saturday's game with the 338th Training Squadron.

## Woman javelin thrower becomes back-to-back national champion

Air Force Print News SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Saving the best for last and using a final throw of 190 feet, 3 inches, Air Force Academy graduate Dana Pounds successfully defended her javelin title at the NCAA Track and Field Championships, June 9.

Defeating the runner-up by nearly 12 feet, the Lexington, Ky., native claimed her second national title in as many years.

Pounds becomes the academy's first back-to-back national champion at the Division I level.

She's also just the second track and field member ever to claim back-to-back national honors in the same event and the first during the outdoor season.

The team's three-time MVP also claimed All-America honors for the third consecutive year.



Courtesy photo

Pounds throws the javelin at a recent Air Force track

Pounds opened the rotation with a throw of 184 feet. She followed that with a toss of 173 feet, 4 inches, before a pair of foul throws bookended a toss of 163 feet, 4

petitor in the 12-person rotation, Pounds knew she had the title in hand before her final throw

Despite that knowledge, she reared back for the final throw of 190 feet, 3 inches, that head coach Ralph Lindeman described as "awesome."

In addition to her mark in the academy's record books, Pounds is the first Mountain West Conference athlete to earn back-to-back titles at the national meet since the conference's inception.

For the second straight season, Pounds completed the trifecta of conference regional and national titles.

The 5-foot, 2-inch Pounds followed that with a new Midwest Regional meet mark of 186 feet, 10 inches, to earn the automatic bid into the national meet.

## **Scores and More**

#### Fitness centers

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays through working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. nor working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and

Dragon Fitness Center — open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. workdays. Free aerobic and yoga classes — for more informa-

tion, call 377-2907. Free water aerobic classes — 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Triangle pool.

Triangle Fitness Center — closed until further notice.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Free for walkers only. Driving range opens at 7 a.m. daily for free use. Retrieve your own balls.

Two-for-one golf lessons - schedule a half-hour lesson for \$25 and receive a second half-hour lesson free. For an appointment, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

### **Outdoor recreation**

**Fishing trip to oil rigs** — Saturdays. \$100 per person. For reservations, call 377-3160.

### Softball

Editor's note: All games are at the Triangle softball fields.

## Intramural

American League

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
81st CES-A	8	2	0
332nd TRS	7	2	0

CNATTU-A	7	3	0
81st CS	7	3	0
81st MDSS-A	7	3	0
333rd TRS	5	5	0
MARDET-B	5	5	0
335th TRS	5	5	0
81st TRSS	5	5	0
Firefighters	3	7	0
81st TRNS/SUPS	2	7	1
338th TRS-B	2	8	1
81st MDOS	2	10	0
National League			

National League			
Team	Won	Lost	Ti
403rd Wing	9	1	0
MARDET-A	8	2	0
85th EIS	8	2	0
81st SFS	7	3	0
USCG	6	3	0
81st MSS	5	6	0
USS Mesa Verde	4	6	0
338th TRS-A	4	6	0
CNATTU-B	3	7	0
81st CES-B	3	7	0
81st MSGS	3	7	0
HQ/2nd AF	2	7	0
81st MDSS-B	2	7	0

### Youth center

Three-on-three soccer — accepting late registration

for ages 5-12. For more infroamtion, call 377-4116. **Tackwondo** — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 377-4116.

**Classes** — gymnastics, taekwondo and dance. For more information, call 377-4116.

Open recreation - Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ages 6 and older.

## **DIGEST**

## **HONORS**

## Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Dean Atwa, Casandra Ballard, Douglas Bein, Christopher Chamberlin, Corey Clines, Daniel Cook, Chauncey Daniels, Ryan Davis, Robert Dinklage, James Dobson, Winston Edwards, Brett Flanders, Terrance Greenwood, Kenneth Human, Ray Ibarra, Benjamin Kafer, Isaiah Kidd, Brian King, Justin Knowles, Kenneth Kurotobi, Eric Larkin, Zachary Madren, Andrew McAnally, Jason Monnin, Ford Moore, David Morris, Mario Orellana, Taylor Pasi, Brad Petrulak, Benjamin Smith, Daniel Smith, Devon Suits, Austin Tucker, James Ward, Ricky Willard, Eric Wiltz and Steven Yones; Airmen Kevin Archambault, Ashley Bielecki, Nicholas Delio, Nathaniel Elman, Michael Frost, Jose Pacheco, Benjamin Schaffer, Christopher Schreiber, Luis Vasquez and Jesse Vela; Airmen 1st Class Robert Cange, John Collera, Andrew Copper, Curtis Erickson, Charles Graham, Robert Keck, James Konas, Nicholas Ligameri, Cyrus Perry, Kevin Porter, Eric Sarno, David Shelton, Maria ReveloSolis, Albert Sphon, Timothy Sider, Roger Smith, Lee Stuchell and Joshua Whitten; Senior Airmen Ashly Barber, Charles Battle, Nichols, Brian, Christopher Manley and Saul Gatic; Staff Sgts. Stephen Bando, Michael Carrier, Richard Dorgan, Jerome Dunn, William Gonzalez, Brad Hammack, Rodney Lindemann, Hugo Murillo, Jason Myerhoff, Timothy Pastore, Erlyn Santos, Lionel VuPham and James Whipkey; Army Sgt. Joe Nelson; Tech. Sgt. Ricky Grissom; Master Sgt. Monte Cook; Maj. Ghazi Al Sawabken; Jorge Arce and Brendan

#### 334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Alexander Benson, Thomas Enright, Robert Ervin, Matthew Franklin, James Gerhardt, Travis Hobbs, Ronald Hutchins, Sarah Jones, Mark Morris, Jonathan Price, David Sevick, Andrew Thompson, Bryan Wagner and Katylyn Wilstead; Airman Ryan Horton; Airmen 1st Class Joseph Castrechino, Carey Davis, Jennifer Dewitt, Travis Hobbs, Andrew Jackson and Candise Wolfrom; Senior Airmen Nathanael Crawford, Michael Holmes and Steven Rice; Staff Sgts. Vernon Bell Jr., Donald George, Jason Geyer, Andres Munoz and Sean Thompson.

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Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Meagan Barefoot, Airman Jessica Macias; Airmen 1st Class Christopher McCallister, Jorrell Rush-Kittle, Patricia Testa and Warren Woods; Senior Airmen Aaron Burne, Charles Cox, Milita

Hopkins, Noemi Lopez, Ricky Rauch, John Sorensen, Jason Stankiewicz and James Thompson; Staff Sgts. Brandon Bartley, Julie Lattimer, Skylar Marzolf and Carola Todd; Tech. Sgts. Jeffery Cummings, Alan Landers, Brian Munden and Lynn Scholl; Gregory James.

#### 335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Bing, Samuel Shim, Matthew Terkay; Micha Vickers and Ny Vu; Airmen Carol Close and Chrysta Mason; Airman 1st Class William Allen, Mingda Liu, Andrea Murcia and Miyoung Song; Senior Airman Sandra Memmel; Staff Sgts. Benjamin Burris, Matthew Dehart, Dawn Erdmann, Michael Heninger and Gasper Persio; Tech. Sgts. Jerome Digennaro, Juana Hernal, Ruby McBride and Sonia Walls; Master Sgt. Jeanie Helms.

Personnel apprentice course — Airman Basic Susanne Rayle; Airmen 1st Class Laura Jenkins, Kasandra Oldacre and Amanda Varner; Senior Airmen Chewey Marquana and Tracy Parcel, Staff Sgts. James Gipson, David Rodgers, Jeffrey Ross and Jeremy Stanger; Tech. Sgts. Marjorie Hanna and Pamela Ratheeb.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Humprey and Raymond Wolowicz; Airmen Weston Dahl, Laura Groh and Courtney Johnson; Airmen 1st Class Sean Ayres and Brandon Wallis; Navy Airmen Phillip Brody, Jacob Cerda and Anthony Valence; Senior Airmen Craig Dunbar and Fred Horner; Staff Sgts. Roy Bock and David Crabtree.

#### 336th TR9

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Koby Cole, Nathan Hammer, Joshua Miller and Jason Pedicord; Airman Lance Weston; Airmen 1st Class James Egan and Genevieve Murphy; Senior Airmen Gene Pabst and Lee Wai; Staff Sgs. Brad Brophil, Steven Maestas, David Moore, Sara Rought and Delone Rush.

Communications and information management training flight — Airmen Basic Bryan Colburn, Danielle Hawkins, Stephen Swircek and Steven Szymanski; Airman David Krausse; Airmen 1st Class Jeremie Alicdan, Albert Alston, Joshua Chittim, Karl McGarvey and Compton Moore; Senior Airmen Jared Dykes, Cedric Green, Brian Loper and Mark Ransaw; Staff Sgts. Ifejika Animalu, Jerry Brech, Carl McMillin, Bradley Tatum, Adiel Valdesvega and Tim Whitfield; Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey Howard, Levi Ingram and Faith Testerman; Master Sgts. Danny Cooper, Guy Menefee and Tina Sperl; Senior Master Sgt. Bridgit Pena; Capt. Ali Nadeem.

#### 338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic systems course—Airmen Basic Joshua Baird, Aaron Bray, Keith Clause, Kenneth Dawson, Joshua Dukes, Adam Glogoval, Allan Hall, Jerome Ibanez, Kevin Lesher, Audra Oberloh, Christopher Serrano, Cory Schwartz and Corey Wagner; Airmen Joshua Donati, Michael McJohn, Justin Moore, August Richards and Christopher Tuter; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Brown, Michael Clemens, Andrew Debardelaben, Gabriel Flynn, Darrin Govan, Jason Hart, Oscar Hernandez, Joseph Hill, Jason Hultgren, Michael Johnson, Darcy Kumm, Leonard Lavant, Davis Mosby, Jerry Priddy, Christopher Primmer, Thomas Robertson, Thomas Russo, Jonica Scott, Corey Shaffer, Ryan Souvignier, James Spevack, Jason Unovitch and Jason Watts; Senior Airmen Jeremy Baca, Steven Bik, Jonathon Bowles, Mathew Hagadone, Stephen Hahn, Dion Rives and Michael Schmidt; Staff Sgts. Lyza Beaudreault, Oliver Bugarin, Maino Chesmore and James Davis; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Norris.

Ground radio — Airmen Basic Jesse Crawford, David Harvey, Aaron Hetman, James Kaufmann, Andrew Lundquist, Latoya Scott, Michael Scarlata and Nathon Wheat; Airmen Kevin Gibson, Jesse Leslie and Mitchell Mead; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Anderson, Christopher Cowan, Michael Downs, Christopher Konze, Joseph Fields, Stephen Johnston, William Mullins, Jesse Rheault, Jacob Rosalez, Joan Rosario-Torres, Jereme Sampson, Jonathan Short, Justin Trumble and Jansen Velante; Senior Airman Marko Salopek; Staff Sgts. Rafael Lara, Robert Stielow, Keith Tyska and Joshua Ward; Master Sgts. James Schlehuber and Timothy Vance.

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Brian Housholder, Terry Owens, William Rosario and Joseph Rutledge.

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# SHUTTLE SCHEDULE 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour		es after hour	Bus stop
	:00	:30	332nd TRS, Building 6957
	:01	:31	338th TRS, Building 6965
	:02	:32	Welch Auditorium
	:04	:34	AAFES Furniture Store
	:06	:36	Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
	:08	:38	Thomson Hall
	:09	:39	New Cody Hall
	:11	:41	Supply, civil engineering
	:12	:42	Rental store
	:13	:43	Shaw House
	:14	:44	Old base exchange
	:15	:45	McBride Library
	:16	:46	Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
	:17	:17	Medical center, Tyer House
	:18	:48	Sablich Center
	:19	:49	Dental clinic
	:20	:50	Allee and Wolfe Halls
	:21	:51	Base operations
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## Technical training route 5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

#### Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

## COAST AREA TRANSIT

Keesler Express — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

## Minutes after hour, bus stop

- :30 Hercules Street bus stop
- 32 Welch Auditorium
- :45 Pass Road Wal-Mart:54 Arrive Edgewater Mall
- :00 Depart Edgewater Mall
- :09 Pass Road Wal-Mart
- :22 Welch Auditorium
- :24 Hercules Street bus stop
  The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass

is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

### **Roman Catholic**

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Sunday Mass	
Triangle Chapel	9 a.m
Daily Mass	
Triangle Chapel	11:15 a.m

#### **Protestant**

## Sunday worship

#### Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

#### **Latter-Day Saints**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

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## **HOLIDAY HOURS**

#### **Independence Day**

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Independence Day federal holiday, July 4. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours Car wash — open 24 hours.

Fam camp — open 24 hours. Mini-mart — open 24 hours.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Live Oak Dining Facility** — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Azalea Dining Facility — closed.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center noon to 6 p.m.

Half Time Café — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk

Outdoor recreation — 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arts and crafts center — closed.

Auto hobby shop — closed.

Katrina Kantina — closed.

McBride Library — closed.

Dragon Fitness Center — closed.

Information, ticket and travel office — closed.

Youth center — closed.

Child development center — closed. Family child care — closed.

Gaudé Lanes — closed. Veterinary clinic — closed.

## CLASSES

#### Airman Leadership School

Class 06-E — July 12-Aug. 12.

Class 06-F — Aug. 24-Sept. 29. Class 06-6 — Aug. 7- Sept. 14.

Class 06-7 — Sept. 18-Oct. 26. Class 07-1 — Nov. 2-Dec. 14.

#### **Keesler NCO Academy**

Class 06-5 — graduation July 20.

#### Airman and family readiness center

Own your own business — 3 p.m. Monday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Career assessment — 9 a.m. Tuesday, Room 122, old Cody

Hall. For more information, call 377-2179.

Interview skills — 2 p.m. Wednesday, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Participants should look through classified advertisements, Internet job postings and federal job search resources to find the kind of "help wanted" ads for which they'd like to apply to use in class to make the learning process more realistic. For more information, call 377-2179.

Federal job resume writing — 2 p.m. June 29, Room 122, old Cody Hall. Participants should look through classified advertisements, Internet job postings and federal job search resources to find the kind of "help wanted" ads for which they'd like to apply to use in class to make the learning process more realistic. For more information, call 377-2179.

#### Arts and crafts center

Summer youth camp — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. \$25 per week

Mold pouring — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$25 including first fir-

Macrame — for information on new class, call 377-2821.

Beginners woodworking — 5 -7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25. Earn safety certification and operator's card.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5 p.m. Friday. \$15. Intarsia involves placing pieces of wood in a decorative pattern. **Advanced intarsia** — 10 a.m. Saturday. New project each

Framing - one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednes-

Advanced matting — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 30. \$25. Engraving shop custom items for gifts, mementos and

24-hour coin-operated car wash — features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and

**Vehicle resale lot** — corner of M and T Streets; buy, sell or trade privately-owned vehicles. For more information, call 377-

## McBride Library

Orientations - 6 p.m. Wednesdays for commanders, first ergeants and instructors

Flower festival — 10 a.m. Wednesdays, ages 2-5. Tours — for more information, call 377-2181.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

## **Vandenberg Community Center**

Block party - noon to 5 p.m. Saturday for nonprior service

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Board games, ping pong tournament and more.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Half Time Café — open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Wednesdays, Italian, \$5.95; working Fridays, catfish, \$6.50.

#### Katrina Kantina

Cook your own steak night — 5 p.m. June 29.

#### Youth center

Annual membership - \$25, ages 6 and older. Receive dis-

counted prices for programs, classes and sports. **Taekwondo** — 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-18.

Summer camp/clinics registration - archery, track and field, basketball and cheerleading. For more information, call

Teen extreme camps registrations - FitFactor; Kids for Broadway Theater; Lights, Camera, Action; Extreme Adventure; Understanding Me/Understanding You; Weird Science; Backyard Mississippi and Teen Warrior. For more information, call 377-4116.

Creative corner — 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Three-on-three soccer registration — accepting late registrations, ages 5-12.

Instructors needed — for programs including those for ages 5 and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116 Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

Pediatrics playgroup — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 2-5. Smart girls — 5 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 9-16; girls-only topics.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone

Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Game room tournaments — 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Torch Club — 3 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12.

FitFactor fitness club — 5 p.m. Fridays, ages 9-18. Friday dances — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 9-15

Super Saturdays — 2-5 p.m., ages 6-12; 6-10 p.m., ages 13-18. Games, sports and crafts.

## **TRANSITIONS**

## Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, Room 122, old Cody To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

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## **DINING HALL MENUS**

- roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

**Dinner** — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

## **Friday**

Lunch - lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, corn O'Brien, pasta asiad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue port sandwiches and burritos.

Dinner — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, stuffed

peppers, macaroni and cheese, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwiches and burritos

#### Saturday

Lunch - fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Lunch — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza. **Dinner** — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken

breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauli-flower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

Lunch - turkey, cornbread, ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, mashed potatoes, combread dressing, gravy, succotash, tempura vegetables, green beans, garden cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, combread, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

## Tuesday

Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, garlic toast, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauli-flower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos

**Dinner** — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

#### Wednesday

**Lunch** — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup,

vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines, jalapeno cornbread, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, Mexican corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza

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Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10-12, Aug. 14-16, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 16-18, Nov. 13-15 and Dec. 11-13, Room 122, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or e-mail ronald. bublik@keesler.af.mil.

#### Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use doesn't adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder—go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

#### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors or http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — http://www.bluetogray.com.
Air Force Federal Employment Resume and

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets.

Department of Veterans Affairs — http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair. New military spouse career center — http://

New military spouse career center — http:// www.military.com/spouse. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Military Connection — online resources database for military family members seeking civilian employment at http://www.military.connection.com

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America's Job Bank — http://www.ajb.dni.us.

## TICKETS AND TOURS

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center.

**Discounted tickets** — for many attractions including Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. For more information, call 377-3818

**Brochures** — information on area and out-of-state attractions.

## **MEETINGS**

Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler. af.mil.

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

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Air Force Sergeants Association — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-2337.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m.

The Keesler Honor Guard needs new members. For more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

third Thursday of the month, youth center, J Street. For more information, call Desarae Chereskin, 341-0988.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Harrell, president, 377-2293, or e-mail keesler.a

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Seaton, 377-5958, or Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit http://www.toastmasters.org.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Michelle Durkin, 872-9393, or e-mail chelle Im@yahoo.com.

Keesler Spouses Club — meets the second Tuesday of the month. For time and location, call Tammie Searfass, president, 273-4324, or visit http://www.geocities.com/keeslersc/KSC.html.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, president, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3 p.m. third Wednesday of

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## **Miscellaneous**

#### Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

## **Keesler Medical Center phones**

Editor's note: As of June 15, these 81st Medical Group phone numbers change as the new phone system is phased in:

81st Medical Operations Squadron command section — 376-3304.

Allergy clinic — 376-0391.

Audiology, speech pathology and ear, nose and throat — 376-0418 and 0419.

Cardiovascular — 376-6663.

Customer relations 376-3494.

Customer relations — 376-3092. Dermatology — 376-0458.

Flight medicine — 376-3132, 3135, 3136 and 3137.

Life skills — 376-0383.

Medical law — 376-3008

Nutritional medicine — 376-0466 and 0467.

Occupational and physical therapy — 376-0464.

Ophthalmology clinic — 376-0453.

Orthopedics — 376-0428.

Outpatient records — 376-4735.

Public affairs — 376-3018.

Radiology — 376-0481. Surgery — 376-0424.

Thoracic surgery — 1-866-801-2266.

Triangle annex — 376-0324.

Tricare office — 376-4752.

Women's health — 376-0172

#### **Reunions**

Torrejon Air Base, Spain — Sept. 1-3, Oklahoma City, for all years. For more information, call William Hardin, 1-405-672-8939, or e-mail torrejonspainreunion @yahoo.com.